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BUSINESS REPORT
MONTANA SENATE
64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION
SENATE FISH AND GAME COMMITTEE

Date: Thursday, February 12, 2015
Place: Capitol

Time: 3:00 PM
Room: 303

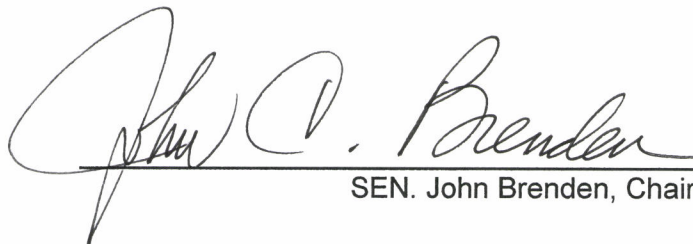
BILLS and RESOLUTIONS HEARD:

HB 250 - Clarifying Use of Suppressed Firearms to Hunt Certain Wildlife is Allowed -
Rep. Kirk Wagoner

SB 284 - Require Approval of County Commissioners for Bison Relocation -
Sen. John Brenden

EXECUTIVE ACTION TAKEN:

Comments:



SEN. John Brenden, Chair

MONTANA STATE SENATE
ROLL CALL
FISH & GAME
COMMITTEE

DATE: February 12, 2015

NAME	PRESENT	EXCUSED
Chairman Brenden	X	
Vice Chairman Ripley	X	
Senator Hamlett	X	
Senator Hinkle	X	
Senator Vuckovich	X	
Senator Fielder	X	
Senator Phillips		X
Senator Smith	X	
Senator Facey	X	
Senator Vincent		X

10 Committee Members

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Sponsor: **Sen. John Brenden**

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Name	Representing	Support	Oppose	Info
CARL Seilstad	Fergus Co	X		
Bob Gilbert	Dawson-Rosebud- Moose/Sheep/Phillips Co.	X		
Todd Devlin	MACo/ Prairie County	X		
Lesley Robinson	Phillips County	X		
Teddy Robertson	Garfield Co.	X		
Richard Dunbar	Phillips co	X		
FRANK DePriest	Blaine Co Commissioner	X		
Jess Drange	Custer County	X		
Jake Troyer	MT Audubon		X	
Ervin Carlson	InterTribal Buffalo Council		X	
Majer Russell	Inter Tribal Bison Council		X	
Corey H. Young	Richard County	X		
MARK Azure	Fort Belknap Ind. Res.		X	
Taylor Azure	Fort Belknap Ind. Res.		X	
Bronc Speak Thunder	Fort Belknap Indian Res.		X	
Maxbya Bell	Fort Belknap Indian Res.		X	
Nicole Rolf	MFBF	X		
Sal Cas	MSG	✓		
Mike Schult	Custer County	X		
Michael Wang	Custer County	X		
Kit Fischer	NWF		X	
Shelby DeMars	United Property Owners of MT	X		

Please leave prepared testimony with Secretary. Witness Statement forms are available if you care to submit written testimony.

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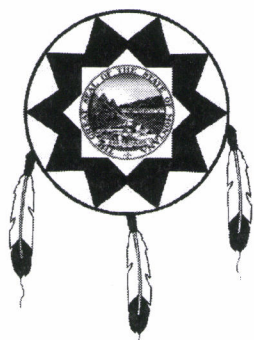
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To: Senate Fish and Game Committee
64th Legislative Session

February 12, 2015

Honorable Senate Fish and Game Committee,

We, the Montana American Indian Caucus would like to express our ardent opposition to SB 284, sponsored by Senator John Brendan. Based upon the following,

1. Buffalo should be allowed into Montana as wildlife;
2. Currently, the State Veterinarian has the authority to authorize the translocation of buffalo into Montana based upon whether the animals are disease free and pose no safety risk;
3. Authorizing the County Commissions to make decisions on trans-locating buffalo into their particular counties will undermine translocation of buffalo based upon scientific evidence and will complicate the translocation process and likely politicize the process;
4. SB 284 does include an exemption from County Commission approval for translocation to Tribal entities. However, this exemption is divisive of all buffalo supporters, including Tribes, are united in the quest to simplify the process to translocate buffalo into Montana and to keep the decision making process scientific.

The Buffalo are a sacred part of tribal traditions and our culture. We, the Montana American Indian Caucus strongly oppose any action that would jeopardize the future of the success of Buffalo in Montana.

Respectfully submitted,

The Montana American Indian Caucus

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Officer _____